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TRIBUTE TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF AFRO-IN BOOKS AND CAFÉ, INC.

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 30th year of operation of the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. in Miami, Florida. Three decades ago, founders Dr. Earl A. Wells and his wife Eursla Wells envisioned a community where people of all ages could congregate with hunger and thirst for the wisdom of their ancestors and explore all there is to know about the great people from which they come. All the while, the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. has retained its prominence as Miami's oldest and largest black book store.

Founded in 1978, Afro-In Books and Things served as a meeting place for artists and intellectuals to discuss the important issues of the day. Both founders are retired educators from the Miami-Dade County Public School System and fulfilled their dream of bringing quality books, periodicals, and literature to the inner city community of Greater Miami. Since its opening, the bookstore always made it a point to feature books written by and about people of color. Additionally, Dr. and Mrs. Wells were instrumental in the development of the Miami International Book Fair which has grown tremendously over the years. The Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. remains an annual participant in the book fair.

From 1996 to December 2005, the operation of Afro-In Books and Things was managed by Mr. William D.C. Clark and his wife Stephana, who is the grand-daughter of Miami pioneer Dr. D.A. Dorsey. They significantly expanded the selections offered in the bookstore. In February 2006, Afro-In Books and Things was obtained by Ms. Jamila Capp and her father, Dr. Larry Capp. The bookstore was renamed, Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. and was remodeled to include a café, patio dining, and Internet services.

Currently, the new Afro-In Books and Café, Inc., has hosted many book-signings by such luminaries as Dr. Rudy Crew, Paul Robeson Jr. and many local authors. In addition, lectures, poetry readings, political, and community meetings are held regularly at the bookstore. Over the years, the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc., has hosted many celebrities including Maya Angelou, Jada Pinkett Smith, Will Smith, Bernadette Stanis, and many others.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the Afro-In Books and Café, Inc. as it celebrates 30 years of synonymous quality and exceptional public service. From its early days, the bookstore has possessed a commitment to preserving history, educating the community, and upholding a determination to create an environment that welcomes all who are prepared to enrich their knowledge.

HONORING THE DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES PROJECT

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of the Drive for Supplies project, a community service program developed by Learn Shop, Inc., and implemented in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

Since its creation in 1999 by Kevin and Louis Newcomer, founders of Learn Shop, Inc., the Drive for Supplies project has collected over \$100,000 in school supplies. In 2008, thanks to the efforts of dedicated student and adult volunteers, Drive for Supplies collected and distributed over 15,000 pounds of school materials.

The supplies will be delivered to nonprofit agencies, county schools with a large number of low-income students, and needy schools in Washington, DC. With the help of international aid organizations, supplies will also make their way to needy children overseas.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast, Kevin and Louis Newcomer, and everyone involved in the Drive for Supplies project. At a time when it is critical for our country to be a leader in conservation and community service, Drive for Supplies is leading the way in instilling these important values in our students and throughout our community.

HONORING DR. RAO MUSUNURU

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my outstanding constituents, Dr. Rao Musunuru, for receiving a Point of Light award from Florida Governor Charlie Crist.

The Governor's Point of Light program recognizes Florida residents who demonstrate exemplary service to their communities. Dr. Musunuru deserves this award for his long-standing and ongoing efforts to raise health awareness in my west central Florida district.

Dr. Musunuru, who is one of my State's top cardiologists, has been a long-time proponent of promoting heart health and education. He has helped pass important State laws to improve health care, including the Florida Stroke Act, legislation I worked on in the State legislature before coming to Congress.

Dr. Musunuru has received many awards for his good work. The American Heart Association named him its "National Volunteer Advocate of the Year" in 2007 and its "National Physician of the Year" in 2005. Last year, Dr. Musunuru was appointed to serve on the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council at the National Institutes of Health.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Musunuru's work has improved the lives of many of those I represent and is an example of what volunteerism and community service are all about. I congratulate him and wish him success in his future efforts.

CONGRATULATING DELAY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate DeLay Middle School of Lewisville, Texas, for being the recipient of the 2008 Intel Schools of Distinction Award for Mathematics Excellence.

DeLay Middle School has been honored as one of two middle schools in the United States to win a 2008 Intel Distinction Award, and was the only middle school nationwide recognized for excellence in math by Intel. For this prestigious award DeLay Middle School will be given a package of a \$10,000 cash grant and curriculum supplies including hardware and software valued at more than \$160,000.

The Intel Schools of Distinction Award is given annually to six schools that have demonstrated exemplary instruction in the subjects of mathematics and science. By winning this award, DeLay Middle School marks itself as an institution committed to providing outstanding education, a role model to other schools in our Nation.

I commend DeLay Middle School of Lewisville. Their hard work and desire to excel deserves the highest recognition and congratulations. I'm very proud to represent these students, teachers, and faculty in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ISAAC LEE HAYES, JR.

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and great sadness. On August 10, 2008, our Nation lost one of its greatest artists, composers, and actors. Mr. Isaac Lee Hayes, Jr., was a bright light who inspired many and contributed immensely to the fabric of our society. Although his energy and love for life will be sorely missed, there is no doubt that his legacy will continue far into the future and motivate generations of people from all walks of life for years to come.

Mr. Hayes was born on August 20, 1942, in Covington, TN. An acclaimed singer-songwriter, musician, producer, composer, and actor, he was admired and loved by all who knew him. Mr. Hayes was a self-taught musician who, at the age of 22, was hired by Stax Records of Memphis to play backup piano and saxophone for the legendary Otis Redding. Isaac literally helped bring southern soul music into the 20th century, writing such hits as "Hold On, I'm Coming" and "Soul Man" with his partner, Mr. David Porter. His recording success continued with such timeless albums as Hot Buttered Soul and Black Moses. His 1971 "Theme from Shaft" won the Oscar for Best Original Song, making him the first African-American singer-songwriter to win this coveted award. He also won several Grammy Awards for his work.

By the early 1970s, Mr. Hayes was working with chart-topper Barry White. As an actor,

Hayes played the title character in the 1974 action film *Hot Truck* Turner and he had a recurring role in the 1970s TV police drama *The Rockford Files*. Most recently, he appeared in the 2005 film *Hustle & Flow*. In 2002 Isaac Lee Hayes, Jr., was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Isaac was talented beyond belief, however this was only one of his monumental attributes. At his core, Isaac Hayes was a humanitarian, activist, and tireless advocate for what is good and right in the world. He was a man of deep convictions and even deeper compassion for those most in need. In 1992, he was crowned an honorary king of Ghana's Ada District as a token of thanks for his humanitarian work in the region. His limitless contributions to African-American society and the diverse populations of the continent of Africa simply can not be overestimated.

With the sad loss of Isaac Hayes, today the world has a little less soul. His work as head of the Isaac Hayes Foundation serves as an inspiration to us all. Those who knew him personally will forever be grateful for having Isaac in our lives.

I met Isaac in the early 1990's during a visit to Ghana. We became close friends and had many discussions about our love for and connections to our motherland. He shared with me his excitement about the many things he was doing for his village in Ghana and his deep commitment to making life better for the people there, especially the children of his village. Later, Isaac became a dedicated supporter of my efforts in Congress and for that I am deeply grateful. The world has lost a wonderful, brilliant warrior and many have lost a genuine friend. I know that his legacy and his memory will live on through the lives that he touched.

A family man, Isaac had many loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He leaves behind innumerable friends and loved-ones, including his wife, Adjowa, and his two-year old son, Nana Kwadjo Hayes. My thoughts and prayers are with Isaac's family. I know how much he loved his family and words can not express my sympathy over this tremendous loss. On behalf of California's Ninth Congressional District, we salute this great talent and spirit by honoring his legacy. Isaac Lee Hayes, Jr., will be sorely missed. May his soul rest in peace.

#### HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL FAIRFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

##### HON. TOM M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1958 as the Court House Square Businessmen's Association, the chamber has grown from 27 members to over 900. Despite its tremendous growth, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has continued to focus on the prosperity of small businesses, community involvement and being a liaison between business and government throughout the Fairfax region.

The Fairfax Boulevard Partnership, sponsored by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, is a perfect example of the organization's foci. The plan for this partnership is to stimulate new energy and development along the Fairfax Boulevard and Lee Highway (Rtes. 50/29) business corridor. Ultimately, this would increase economic viability, create an identity for the corridor, improve the aesthetic environment and foster business development. Vitalization of this area will turn "commuters into consumers", enticing those passing through to see the area not only as their route home but as an economic center.

The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce also takes an active role in enhancing the surrounding community through local events. The chamber sponsors events such as: The Margaret Kilpatrick Adams Scholarship Program, Cox's Movies under the Moon, George Mason University Halloween Child Safety Program and Robinson Secondary School DECA Intern Day. Their level of community involvement not only makes them a leader in local business but a leader in their community as well.

According to the Washington Business Journal, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is among the top 10 chambers in the country. The chamber facilitates a bond between local business leaders and State and local officials. This creates unique opportunities to interact while invigorating the economy of Fairfax.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce on 50 years of success. They have become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of their members and their communities. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the chamber members' past accomplishments and in wishing them the best of luck in the many years to come.

#### HONORING MAURICE CAPPELLUTI

##### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the achievements of Maurice Cappelluti and to congratulate him upon being honored with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cappelluti was honored on Thursday August 21, 2008, at the Fourth Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and Board of Directors Installation Dinner.

Mr. Maurice Cappelluti was born on February 23, 1930, in Madera, CA. He attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Madera Union High School in 1947. A year later he graduated from the National Institute of Dry Cleaning in Silver Spring, MD. In November 1948, Mr. Cappelluti enlisted in the California Army National Guard and graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1953. He became a second lieutenant and commanded the Madera unit for 3 years. He then transferred to the Army Reserve 6237th School as an instructor for Command and General Staff Studies. He was promoted to Assistant Commandant for the Fresno School and served in that position for 4 years. He was then promoted to colonel and transferred to standby

reserve. In 1965 he was awarded a Medal of Merit for his instrumental role during the Watts Riots. In 1966 he joined the Army Reserve. Mr. Cappelluti retired as a Colonel in 1990.

During his time with the California National Guard, Mr. Cappelluti married Marie Bonandri. Later, he entered into a family business with his parents, Madera Dry Cleaners. His brother joined the business and in 1965 he and his brother purchased the business from their parents. This business was sold to his son in 1999.

Mr. Cappelluti is an active member of Saint Joachim's Church. He served on the Parish Council, was cochairman of the Thanksgiving Dinner Dance, cochairman of the Harvest Festival and has served on numerous other church committees. He also serves outside of the church. Once a week for the past 4 years, Mr. Cappelluti, has cooked at the Holy Family Table, which provides meals for homeless families in Madera. He is a charter member of the 20-30 Club and he was a member of the Madera Kiwanis Club for 35 years. He served as a board member for 5 years for the Red Cross Madera board. Mr. Cappelluti was a trustee for the Madera Cemetery Board for 23 years, and was named the 2008 "Trustee of the Year" by the California Association of Public Cemeteries. He has also served on the boards of San Joaquin Memorial High School, Madera Hospital Foundation and was a member of the Young Men's Institute for over 60 years.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Maurice Cappelluti upon being awarded with the "Lifetime Achievement Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Cappelluti many years of continued success.

#### TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF H.R. 6385 ORIGINAL COSPONSORSHIP

##### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, please let the record show that Representative DAVE REICHERT was an original cosponsor of the Apollo Energy Independence Act, H.R. 6385, and was integral to the introduction of this legislation. Congressman REICHERT was left off of the original cosponsor list due to administrative error.

#### HONORING SEAN ROONEY AND THE U.S. OLYMPIC MEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM

##### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable accomplishments of Sean Rooney of Wheaton, Illinois, and his contributions to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Men's Indoor Volleyball Team's triumph to win the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

At Wheaton-Warrenville South High School in my district, Sean was a standout player who